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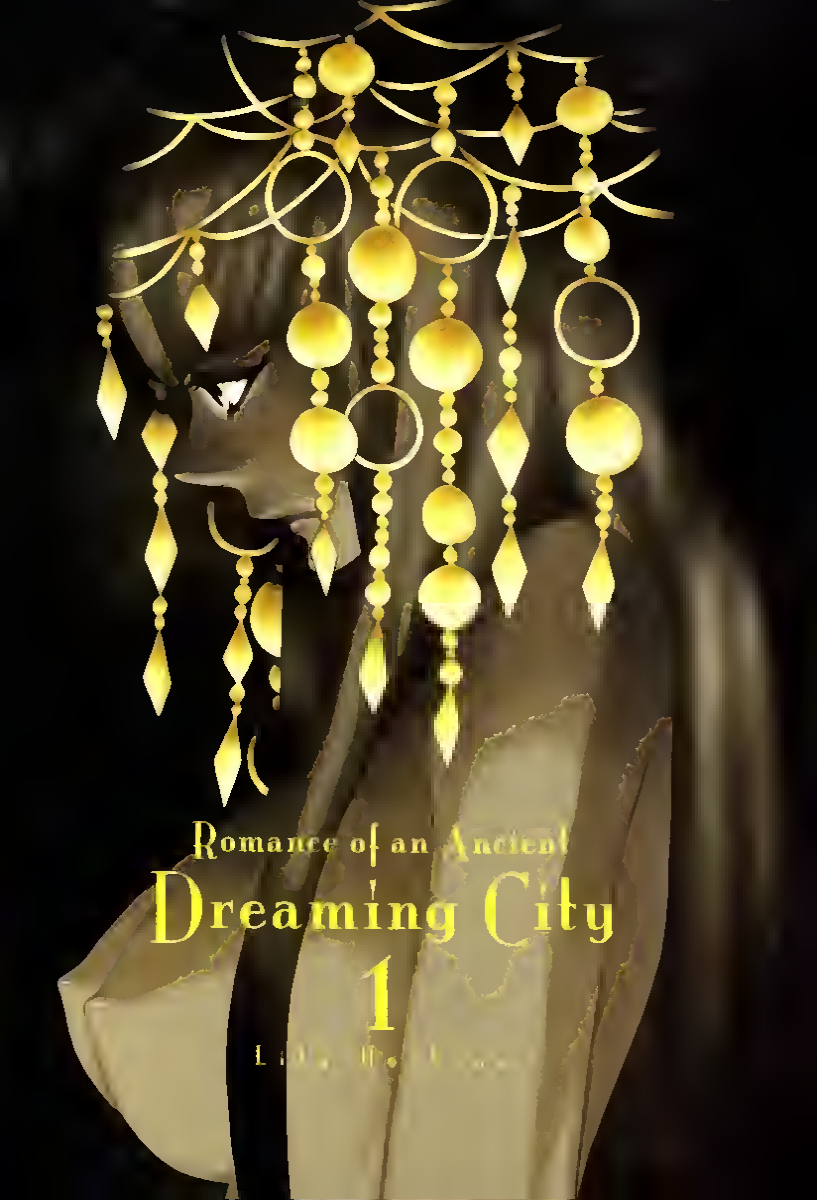
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Romance of the Undead
#1

PRINCESS OLGA.
YOU'RE HERE ALREADY, GIOTTO?
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM MAKING YOUR ATTENDANTS WORRY SO MUCH.
NO
LET THEM WORRY. I'M ALWAYS FOUND SOON ENOUGH.
I KNEW IT.
THERE YOU ARE,
TAP

HMPH
AS CAPTAIN OF YOUR PERSONAL GUARD, I MUST BE BY YOUR SIDE AT ALL TIMES.
...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY-THING BETTER TO SAY?
MY APOLO-GIES
AND YET YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THAT I HAD LEFT THE CASTLE

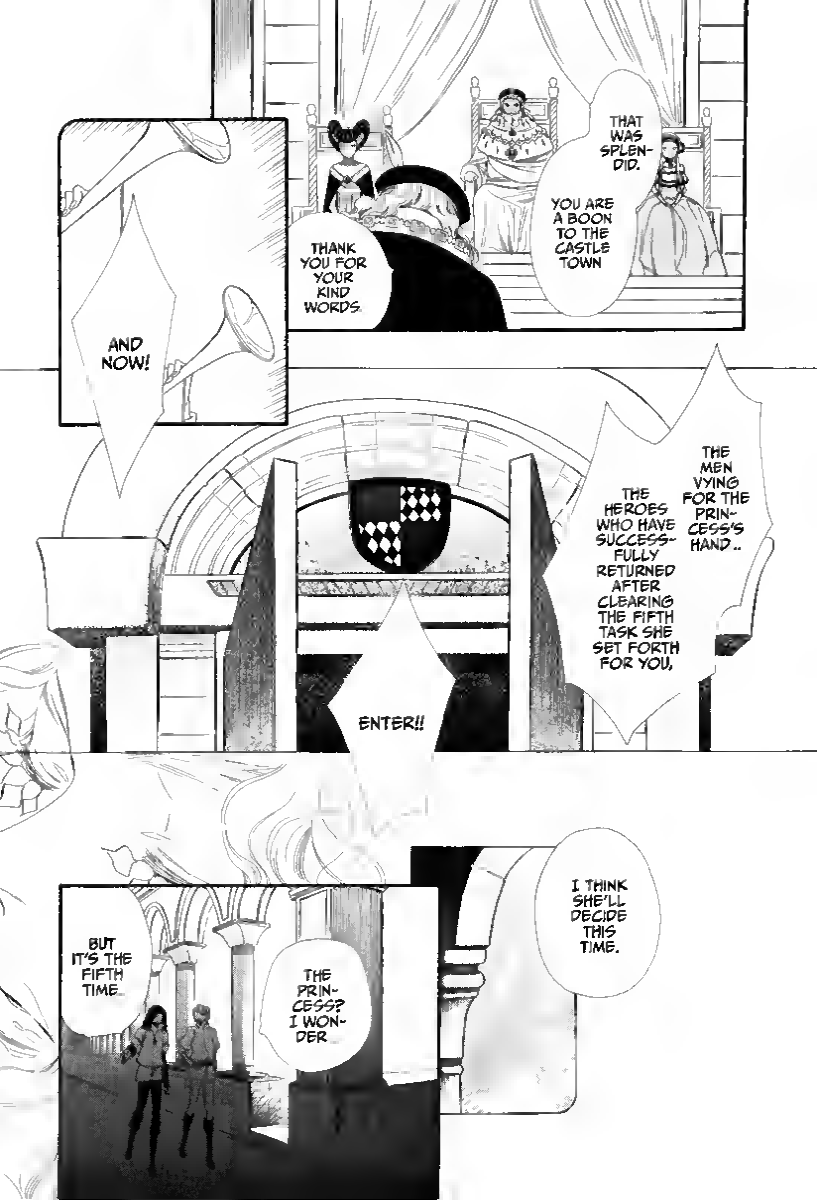
EXCUSE ME.
YOU CRETIN!
!
GRAB

...
I DON'T MIND IF WE DON'T MAKE IT.
NOT FOR CHOOSING MY HUS-BAND...
HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT MAKE IT IN TIME IF WE DO NOT HURRY, SO PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

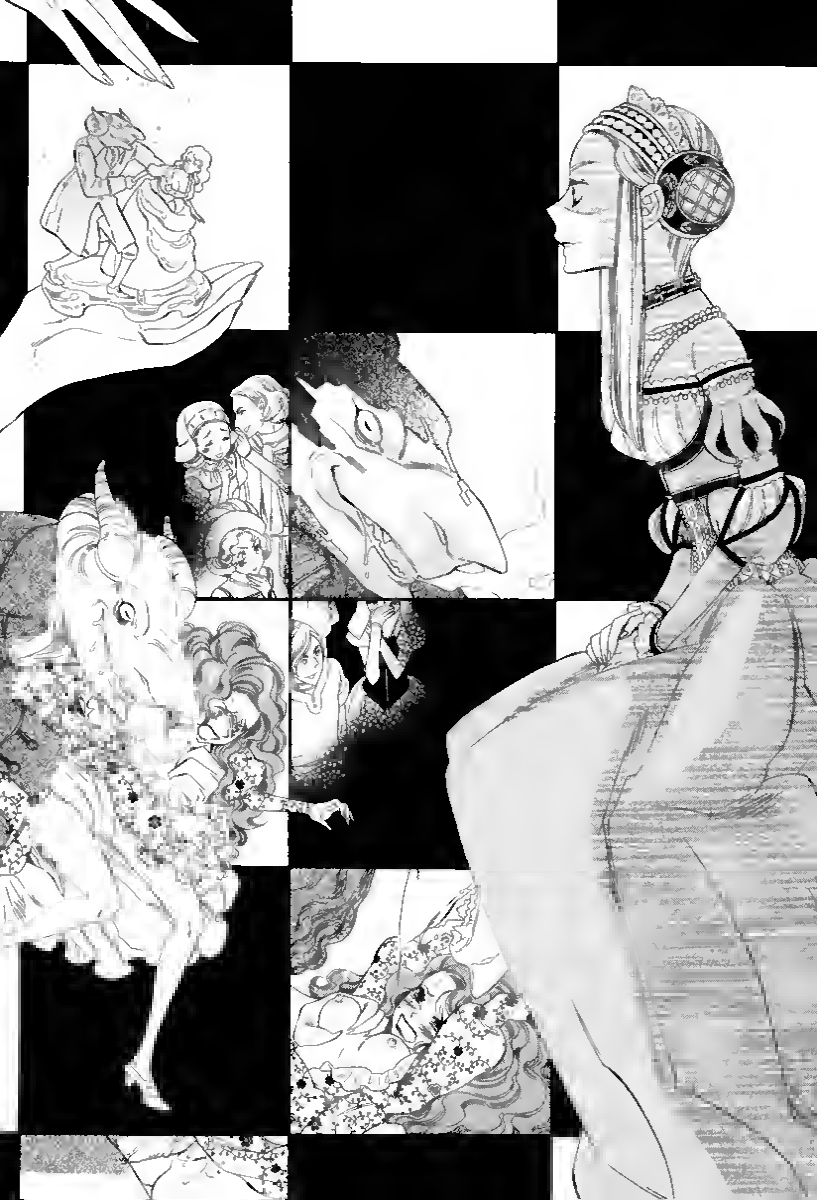
IT'S THE DULCED TROUPE!!
THE DULCED TROUPE IS HERE!!

THE SONGSTRESS WITH HER UNPARALLELED VOICE.
THE ALLURING DANCER.
THE FIRE BREATHER AND THE TUMBLER.
IT'S A SHOW FULL OF WONDER..
THAT WOULD AMAZE EVEN A MAGICIAN!!

OLGA!!
NOTH-
ING,
FATHER
NOTH-
ING
WHAT'S
WRONG,
PRINCESS?
OH...
NOTH-
ING.

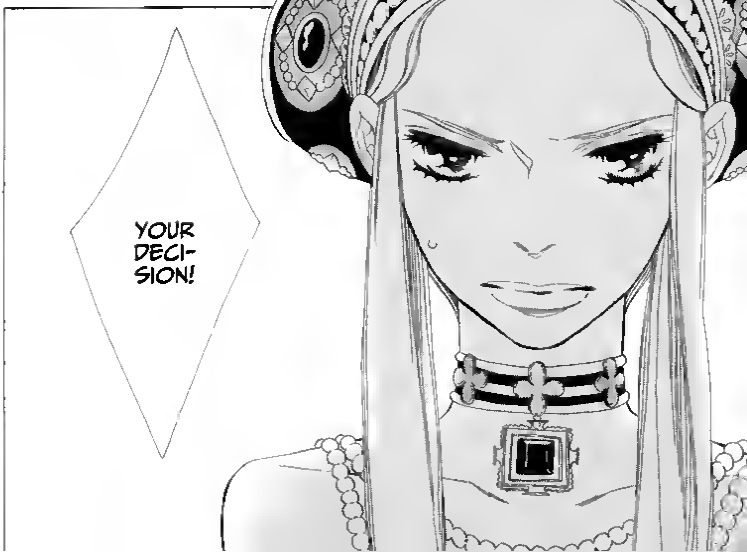

THAT WAS SPLENDID.
YOU ARE A BOON TO THE CASTLE TOWN
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.
AND NOW!
THE MEN VYING FOR THE PRINCESS'S HAND..
THE HEROES WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED AFTER CLEARING THE FIFTH TASK SHE SET FORTH FOR YOU,
ENTER!!
I THINK SHE'LL DECIDE THIS TIME.
THE PRINCESS? I WONDER...
BUT IT'S THE FIFTH TIME...

I'M SURE THE MINISTERS WON'T STAY QUIET ANY LONGER.
HAHA
YOU HAVE A POINT.



OH,
THESE ARE ALL TRULY SPLENDID TREASURES!
YOU ALL DESERVE THE TITLE OF HERO.
AND THE RIGHT TO THE PRINCESS'S HAND!!

SO, PRINCESS,
YOUR DECISION.


YOUR DECISION!

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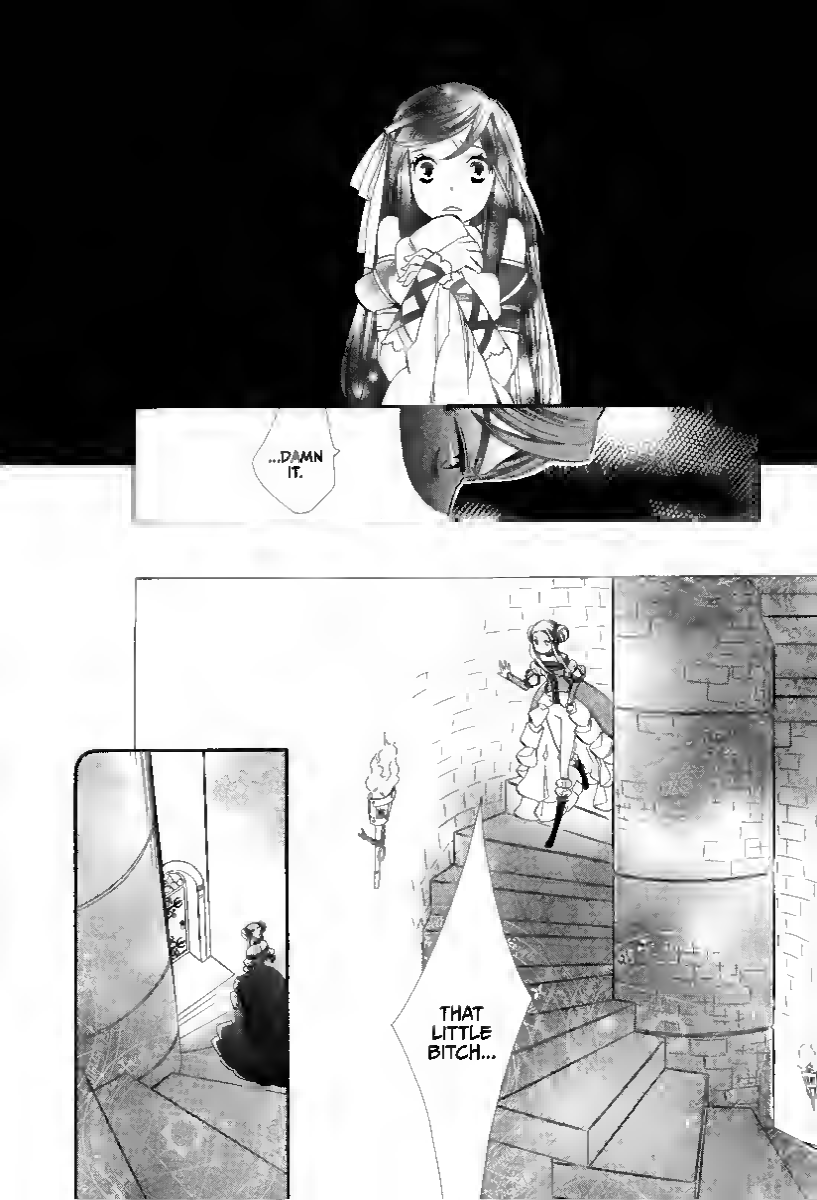
THUD
DAMN IT!! THAT LITTLE BITCH!!
WHAT THE-
ALL...
ALL OF THESE ITEMS ARE WORTH-LESS.

I CANNOT CHOOSE MY HUSBAND BASED ON SUCH TRINKETS.
UVAMOR
UVAMOR
BUT YOUR HIGHNESS! YOU MUST DECIDE ON A PARTNER...
UVAMOR
UVAMOR
YES.
AT THIS RATE, IT WILL GO ON FOREVER.
...
UVAMOR
YEAH, BUT JUST THINK
ONCE THE WINNER BECOMES KING, HE CAN DO WHATEVER HE WANTS WITH THAT BRAT EVERY NIGHT
THAT'S WORTH A BIT OF TREASURE HUNTING, ISN'T IT?
HA HA HA.
YOU'RE RIGHT.


...DAMN IT.
THAT LITTLE BITCH...

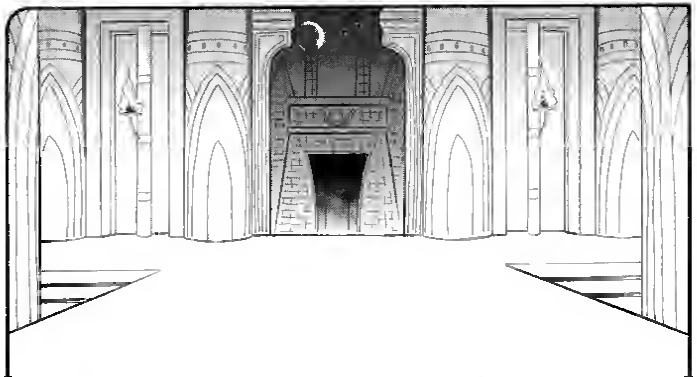
CLO-
TIL-
WHOOSH
OLGA...

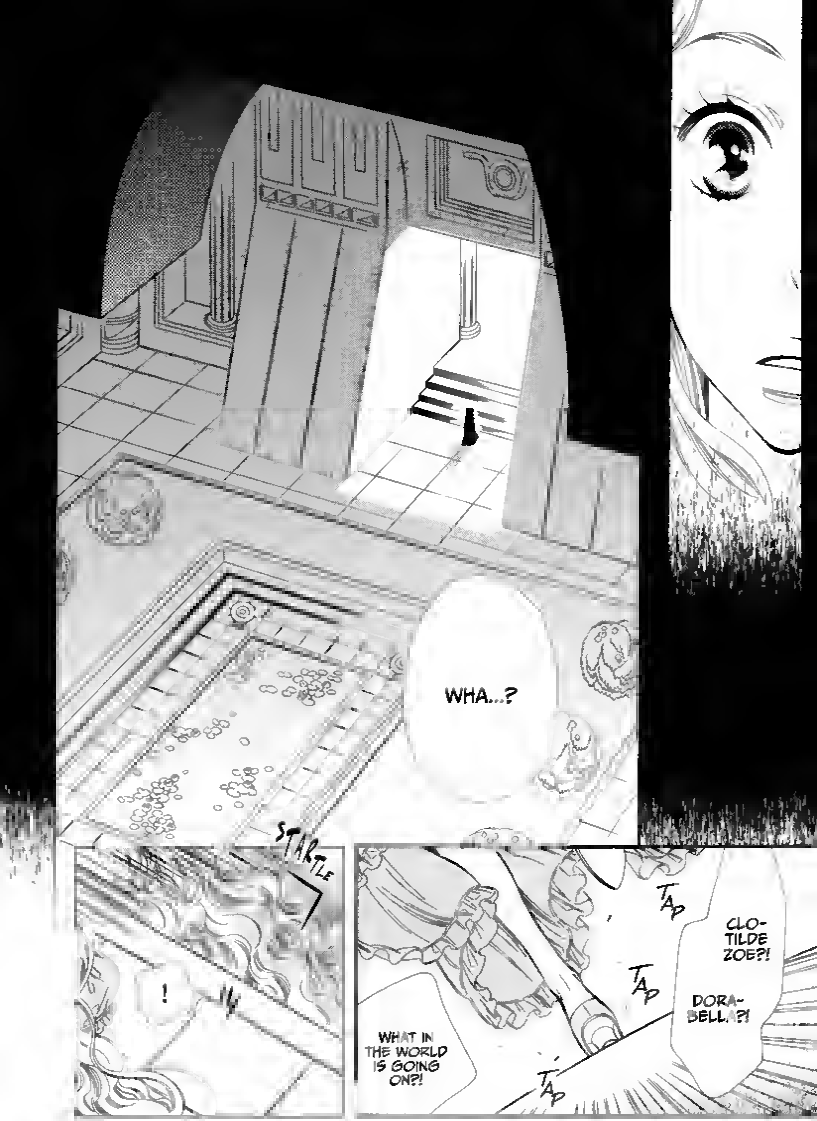
AHHH
DISAPPEAR
AHHH
I MESSED UP AGAIN!
HMM?
WHAT'S WRONG, PRINCESS?
YOU'RE JUST STANDING THERE.
OH.
TH-
THAT

THAT WOMAN JUST NOW
HMM ? A WOM-AN?
NEVER MIND THAT, PRIN-CESS!
YOU USED A MAGICAL ITEM TO SNEAK OUT OF THE CASTLE AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU?!
I- IT WAS GIVEN TO ME IN THE FIRST PLACE.
STILL!
WHEN IT COMES TO MAGICAL ITEMS, ONLY US MAGI-CIANS SHOULD UMM,
SHOULD
RIGHT,
MASTER?!
DID YOU

RIGHT, RIGHT
DON'T PUT IT LIKE THAT, DORA-BELLA
THEY WERE GIFTS
THIS ONE IS QUITE NICE
HMM ...
CLOTIL-DE ZOE, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE ARTI-FACTS THIS TIME?
YOU RE-ALLY FLEECED THEM FOR A LOT AGAIN.
GO TO THE RAIN TREE AGAIN, OLGA?
I THOUGHT PERHAPS IT CAME FROM SOME EXOTIC LAND...
I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH IT EARLIER
THE RING OF GOLD?

PUT IT ON YOUR HEAD.
YOU.
LIKE THIS?




WHA...?
STARTLE
!
TAP
TAP
TAP
CLO-TILDE ZOE?!
DORA-BELL...?!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON?!

ME ...?
HEY!!
IS SOME-ONE OUT THERE?!
!!
IDEN-TIFY YOUR-SELF!!
...
GRRR
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU
!!
IS THAT...

THIS WAY.
H-
HEY!
WHO ARE YOU?!
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
POINT

I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU,
OLGA.

HOW...
DO YOU KNOW MY NAME...?

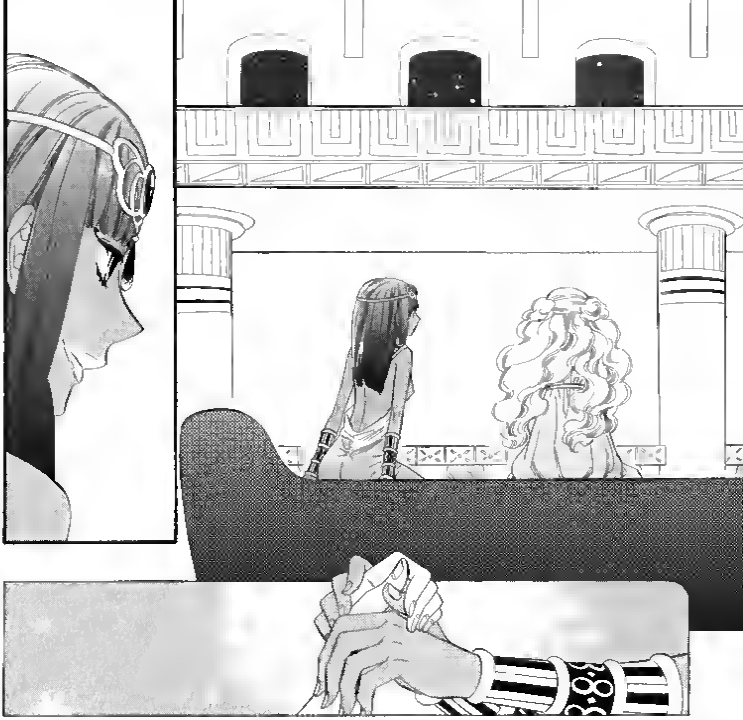
RUSTLE
YOU SHOULD BE SAFE IN HERE.
TAP
OH..

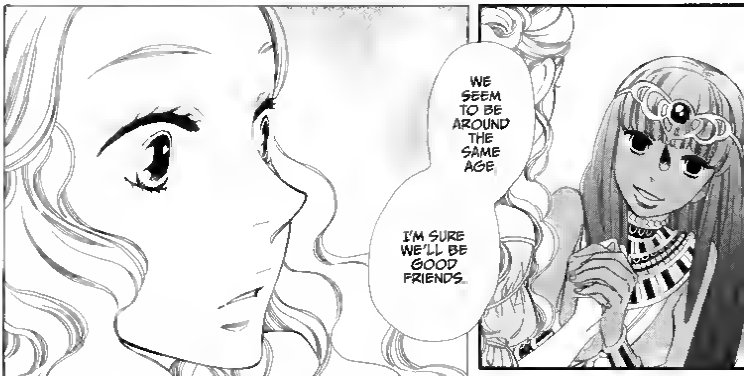
JUMP
AH...
WAIT!
WHO ARE YOU?
!
TAP

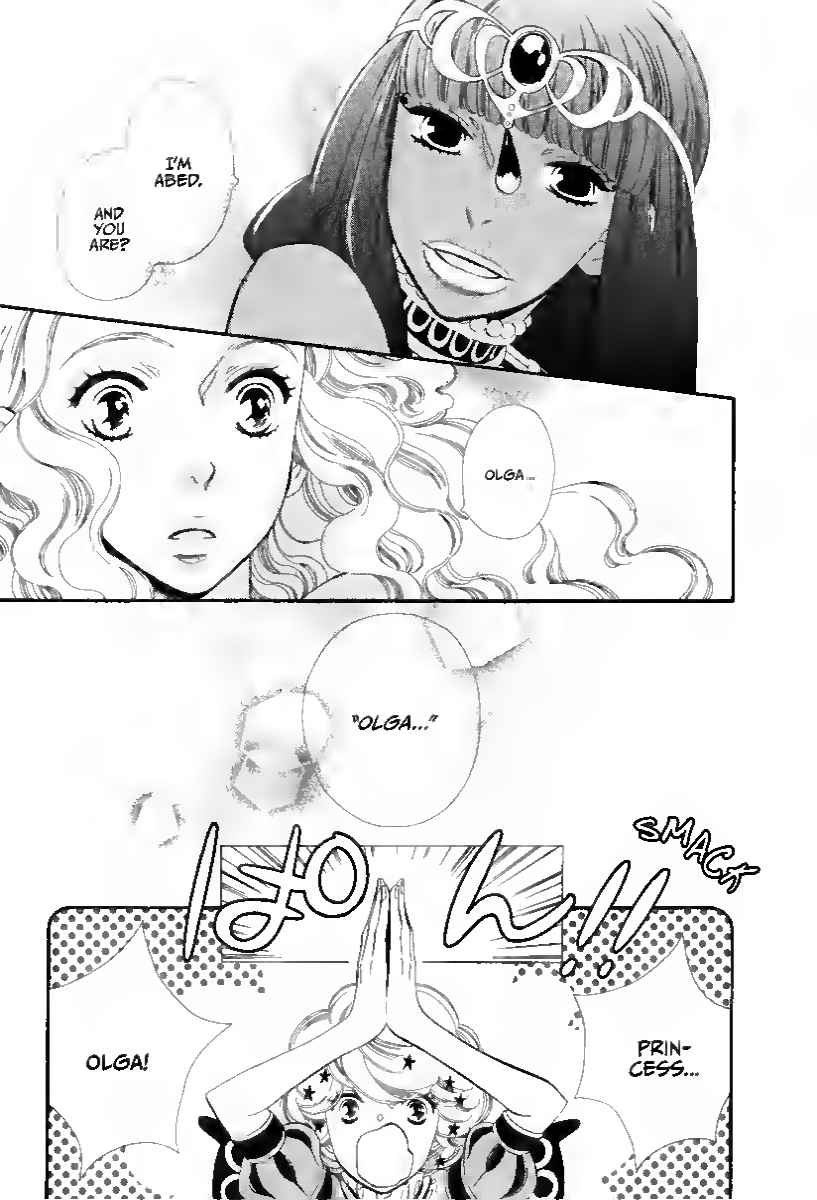
...OH..
WHAT ABOUT MY CIR-CLET?
YOUR
NEVER MIND.
RING OF GOLD...
THAT..
AH,
I-I...

YOU LOOK LIKE A FOREIGN GIRL.
COME HERE AND KEEP ME COMPANY.
YOU SEEM TO BE SOMEONE QUITE IMPORTANT.
IS THIS A GOOD IDEA?
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT HERE TO ASSASSINATE YOU.
HA HA
THAT'S TRUE

ASSASSI-
NATION...
MIGHT
BE PREF-
ERABLE.
IF
I DIED
HERE,
I WOULD
NOT HAVE
TO MARRY
SOME
KING I'VE
NEVER MET
BEFORE.

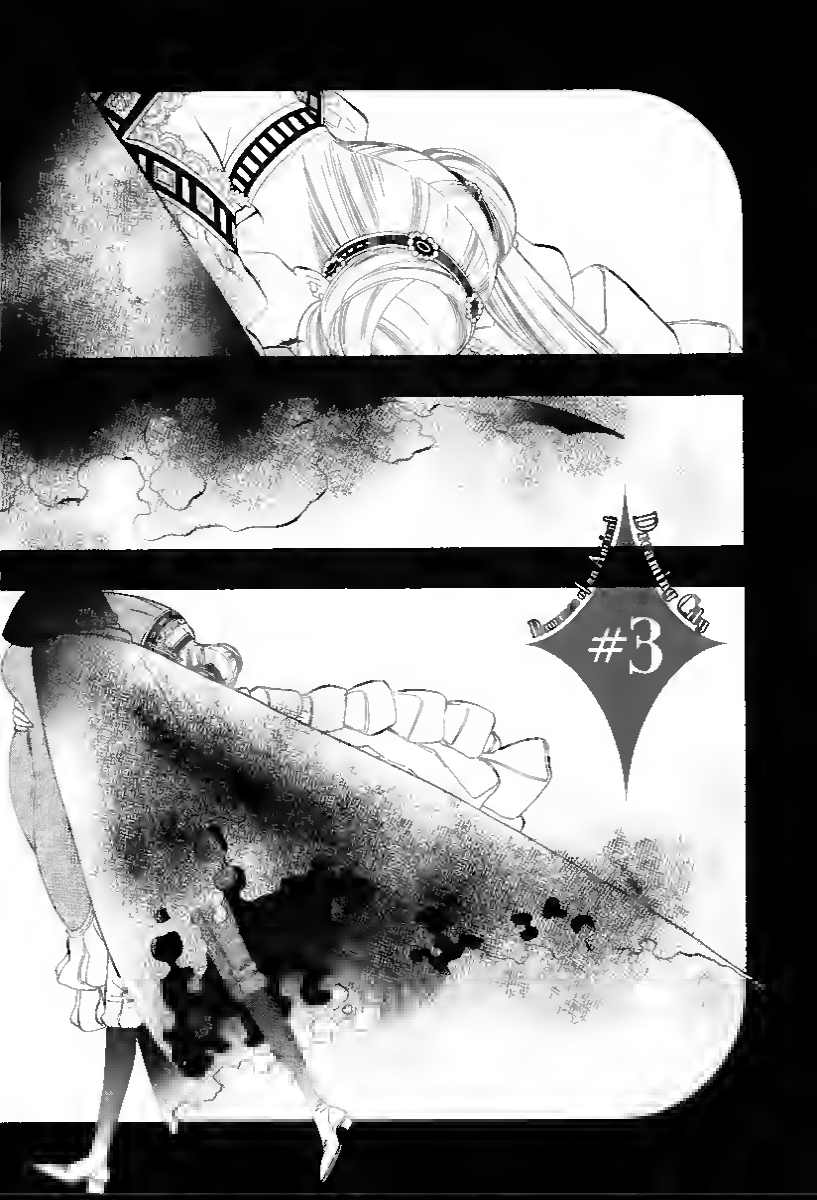



WE SEEM TO BE AROUND THE SAME AGE.
I'M SURE WE'LL BE GOOD FRIENDS.


I'M ABED.
AND YOU ARE?
OLGA...
"OLGA..."
SMACK
OLGA!
PRIN-CESS...

DORA-BELLA.
YES?
GASP
OH...!
I-I WAS IN A STRANGE PALACE!
AND
THAT CIRCLET SHOWS YOU VISIONS OF ANOTHER LAND.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND IN THAT VISION,
'TIS BUT A BLINK OF AN EYE HERE
MIGHT I...
COME BACK AND USE THIS AGAIN?
OF COURSE

I WANT
TO SEE HER AGAIN


Dreaming Girl
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SNORE
MAGICIAN!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
IT'S CLOTILDE ZOE.
FWAP
CAPTAIN?

WHERE IS THE PRINCESS ?!
DRY
!!
WHERE IS SHE?!
I CAME HERE BECAUSE I'VE ALREADY SEARCHED ALL HER USUAL PLACES!!
HAS SHE DIS-APPEARED AGAIN?
SHE'S PROBABLY JUST AT THE RAIN TREE.

...no...
DO YOU PREFER IT ROUGH,
ST-
STOP...
!!

MY LADY?
HEH...
"MY LADY"...
HA HA
YOU, AS MY LADY...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT
HA HA
HA...
WHY...
ARE YOU...?

YOU HOPE TO BE KING ONE DAY,
SO HOW CAN YOU DO SOMETHING SO VILE?
YES.
I HOPED FOR THAT...
THE GLORY OF RULING
THE POWER
THE AMBITION
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THE LOVE FOR THIS LAND.
AND YOU...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

RUINED ALL OF THAT, DIDN'T YOU?!
SLAP
!!
SLAP
!
SHUDDER
MMMMMM
YOU CRETIN!!

SLAM
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY, LITTLE GIRL...
THIS "MAGIC" OF YOURS THIS "TREASURE HUNT"
I'VE PLAYED ALONG WITH YOUR LITTLE GAMES...
I...!!

OLGA.
IS STILL CLOSE TO THE CASTLE.
Daaaa
BUT BECOMING MORE DISTANT.

CLOSE,
BUT MOVING FURTHER AWAY.
HEY,
HAND-SOME!
HEY THERE!
COME JOIN US!
NO NEED TO RUSH THE NIGHT'S STILL YOUNG
MY,
YOU'RE A HOT ONE.

HEY
YOU'RE
AMAZ-
ING.
HEY.
THOSE
EYES.
THOSE
LIPS.
THAT
BODY

I'M IN A HURRY!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAVE OLGA?
WHA...?

WHAT
IS
THIS?
THIS
WAY

DO YOU LIKE MAGIC?
THE PRIN-CESS ADORES IT,
BUT I...
NO.
FIND IT TWISTED.

YOU REMIND ME OF HER.
FWOOO
OF PRINCESS OLGA.

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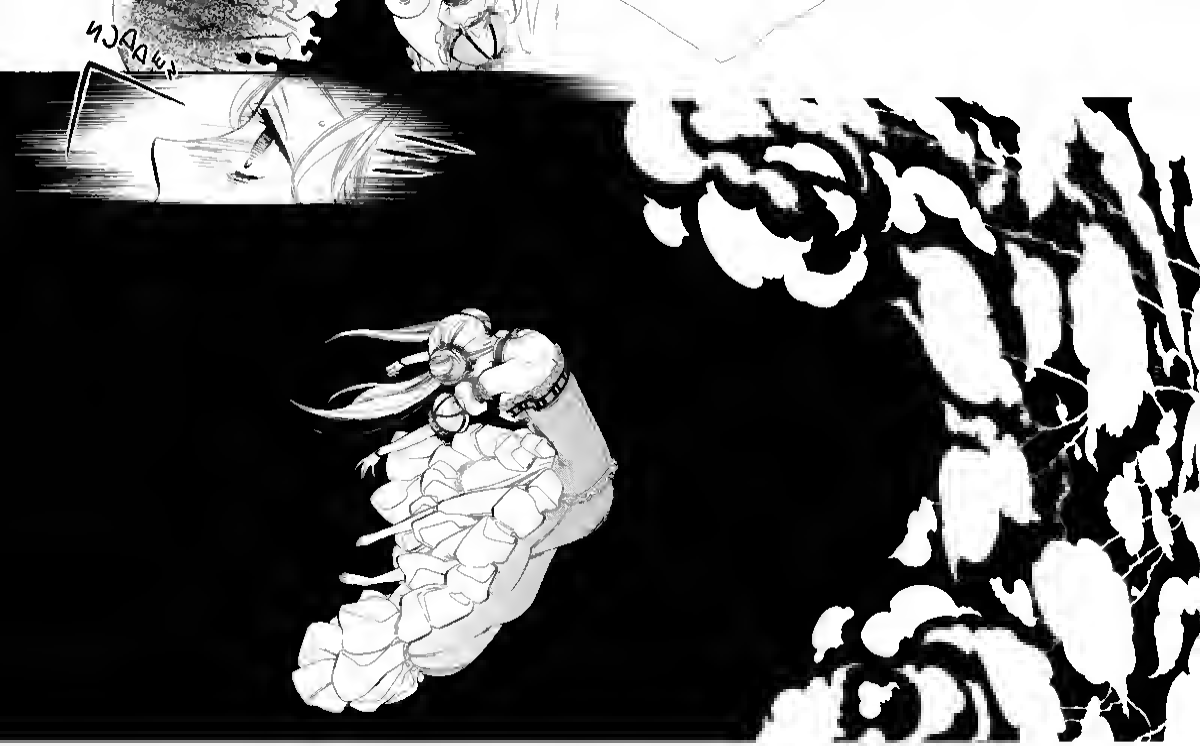
I...!!
I'VE PLAYED ALONG WITH YOUR LITTLE GAMES...
THIS "MAGIC" OF YOURS.
THIS "TREASURE HUNT."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FIND ME...
A MAGICAL TREASURE THAT WILL AMAZE ME.
BRING IT HERE.
THAT IS...

IF YOU WISH TO BE MY HUSBAND.

WHEN IS THIS?
THAT IS ALL!
MAGICAL TREASURES?
TAP
TAP
TAP
THAT PRINCESS WAS SMART.
YOU CAN GET ANY TREASURE IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY BUT NOT MAGICAL ONES.
STILL...
STILL, HOW COULD YOU EVEN THINK OF BEING KING IF YOU CAN'T HANDLE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?!

HAHAHA
AM I IN HIS MEMO-RIES...?
MAGIC?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
MAGIC WAS DE-STROYED AGES AGO. YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MAGIC
ONCE,
THERE WAS A WON-DROUS PLACE CALLED THE MAGICAL CITY OF GARDIE-GO...
YOU'RE TELLING THAT STORY AGAIN, GRANDPA?

I CAN GIVE YOU NICE DREAMS WITHOUT THE NEED FOR MAGIC,
FORGET ABOUT MAGIC
SO..
YOU SHOULD ..
STAY WITH ME.

OH!
YOU MEAN LIKE THE LAMP THAT GIRL HAS?
MAGIC?
NO.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO GIVE IT TO ME?!
NOT THIS.
THIS
IS PRE-CIOUS TO ME.
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?!
GUNK
IF IT'S GOLD YOU WANT, THEN HERE!!
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL OF THIS!!
THIS IS MORE THAN YOU'LL MAKE IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE!
COME ON!!

I DON'T NEED IT.
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THIS TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
SNAP

WAH!
THUD

AAH!
AAH!
AAH!

GRAB

AAHH!
AAHH.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

I HAD NO CHOICE
I HAD NO CHOICE
I HAD NO CHOICE
I HAD NO CHOICE.
I HAD NO CHOICE
I HAD NO CHOICE.
I HAD NO CHOICE.
I HAD NO CHOICE

!!
NOOO!
AAAAHHH!
WH-
NOOOO!
WHAT?
AH...
AH...
Y-
YOU...

YOU...
KILLED ...
THAT LITTLE GIRL.
HOW...?

FWSH
SPLASH
GAAAAH!
AAAAHH!

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE DELAY,
PRIN-CESS.
GIOTTO...

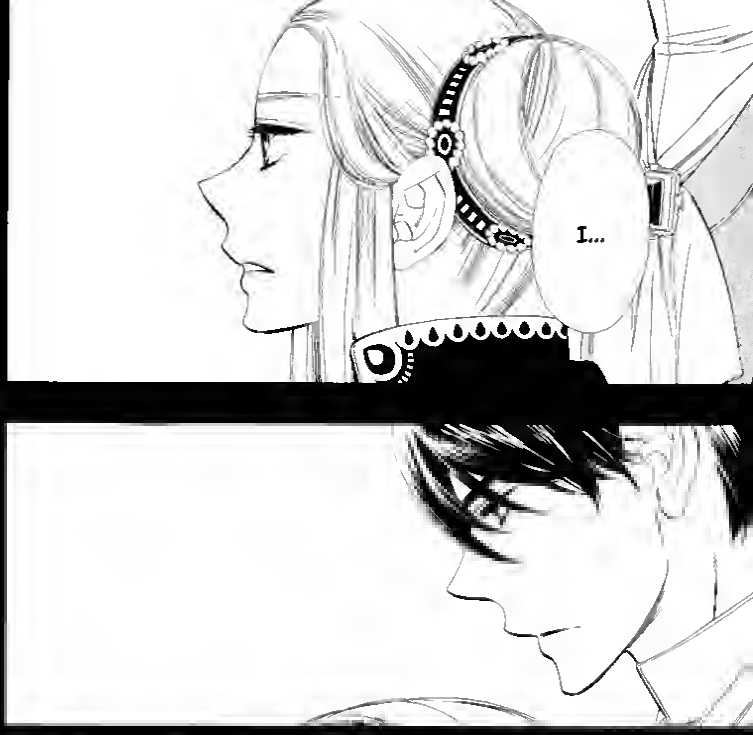
HA HA...
THIS IS...

NOT ONLY WAS THE PRINCESS KIDNAPPED BUT WHAT A MESS.
YOU REALLY BLEW IT, CAPTAIN.
YOU REALLY DID IT THIS TIME.
MASTER HARGO,
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HIM?
MUTTER
MUTTER
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE, YOUR HIGHNESS?

LET HIM GO.
WHA..?
BUT,
WELL ..
DO WHAT SHE SAID.
MUKU
MUKU
MUKU
MUKU
MUKU

IS THIS REALLY ALL RIGHT?
YEAH, I THINK SO
BE-SIDES,
HE WON'T LAST TOO LONG WITH THAT WOUND.
IT'S THE DIF-FERENCE BETWEEN BEING BEHEAD-ED...
AND DYING SLOWLY
...
IN A WAY, THIS IS CRUELER THAN BEING PUT TO DEATH.

THOUGH I THINK HER HIGHNESS INTENDED IT TO BE MERCIFUL.
IT FRIGHTENS ME THAT SHE DOESN'T REALIZE...
JUST HOW CRUEL SHE IS.



DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HIS NAME...

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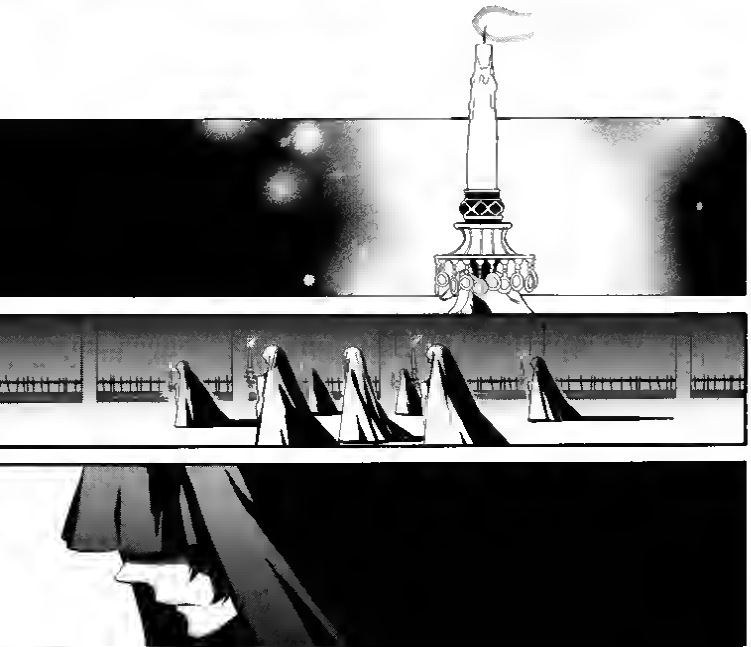
YOU REALLY AREN'T GOING TO WATCH?

I HAVE A LONG JOURNEY
I WANT TO GET GOING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
DOESN'T IT BOTHER YOU? DON'T YOU WONDER WHAT'S HIDDEN INSIDE IT?
IT'S POINTLESS
ACCORDING TO THE IMPERIAL MAGICIANS, IT COULD CONTAIN MAGIC THAT WOULD GRANT YOU POWER OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD.

MAYBE I'M JUST CURIOUS.
HA HA.
YOU DON'T TYPICALLY GO ALONG WITH THIS SORT OF THING EITHER, JOANEL.
SAFE JOURNEY,
YOU TOO
WELL,
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT.

CLOTILDE
ZOE.



I SAID, "HEY!!"
WHAT'S WRONG, MASTER!?
OH...
NOTHING.
YOU KEEP..
STARING AT THAT BOX.
REEEALLY?
MUMBLE
I JUST...
THOUGHT MAYBE IT'S TIME I SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES...

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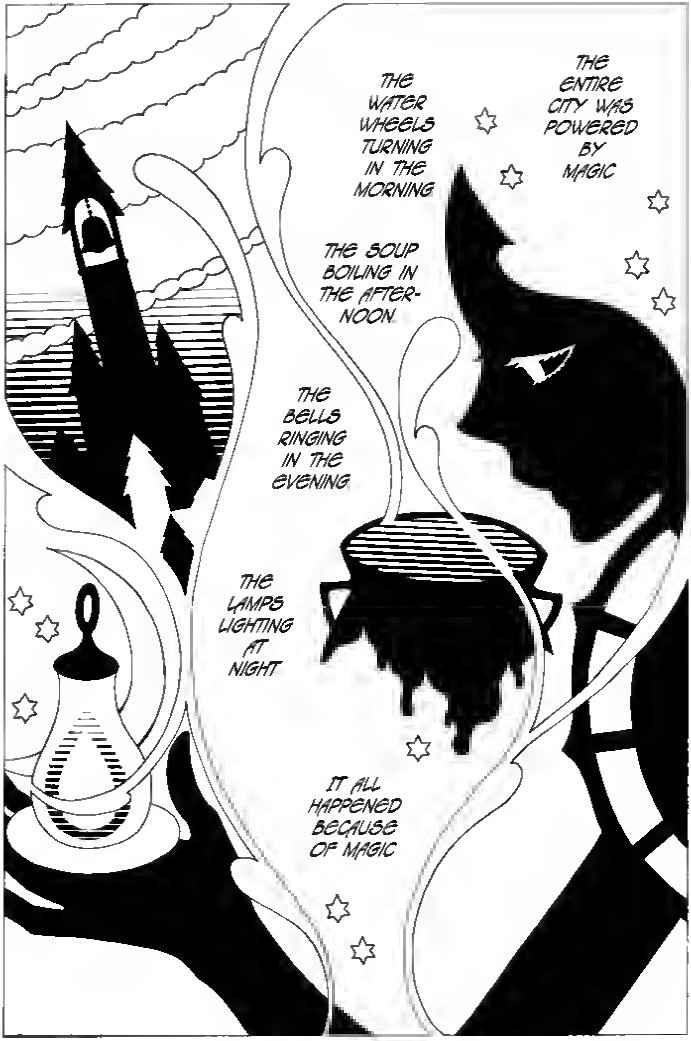
ONCE
UPON A
TIME,

THERE WAS
A WONDROUS
MAGICAL CITY
OF GARDENS.


THE WATER WHEELS TURNING IN THE MORNING
THE ENTIRE CITY WAS POWERED BY MAGIC
THE SOUP BOILING IN THE AFTER-NOON
THE BELLS RINGING IN THE EVENING
THE LAMPS LIGHTING AT NIGHT
IT ALL HAPPENED BECAUSE OF MAGIC

THE CITY WAS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL. THERE WAS NO STRIFE AMONG ITS PEOPLE.
IT WAS
LIKE A NEVER-ENDING SPRING

ONE DAY THE KING HAD AN IDEA
THERE MUST BE MORE MAGIC OUT THERE IN THE WORLD
HE SHOULD GATHER IT ALL AND MAKE HIS KINGDOM MORE PROSPEROUS BRING MORE BEAUTY TO HIS LANDS GIVE MORE TO HIS PEOPLE
MORE MORE..

FROM THAT DAY FORTH THE KING STARTED TO AMASS ALL THE MAGICAL ITEMS IN THE WORLD
EACH ONE BROUGHT WITH IT AMAZING POWER

AND
THE KING
SAID,
"MORE,
MORE."

THE PEOPLE STROVE TO FIND MORE TREASURES
FOR GREAT RICHES WERE BESTOWED UPON THOSE WHO FOUND EVEN ONE NEW ITEM.
THEY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO OBTAIN A TREASURE OR RATHER THE RICHES

EVEN IF SOMEONE HAD TO DIE.

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WITHOUT REALIZING IT, THE KING AND HIS PEOPLE BECAME BLINDED BY GREED,

AND
THE CITY OF
NEVER-ENDING
SPRING TURNED
INTO THE CITY
OF ETERNAL
NIGHT.

I DON'T FULLY REMEMBER THE REST.
SOME PROPERLY EDUCATIONAL PUNISHMENT BEFELL THE CITY. THAT'S ALL.
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
AND?
I...

BECAME INTERESTED IN MAGICAL TREASURES AFTER READING THAT FAIRY-TALE.
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD COLLECT ALL THE MAGICAL ITEMS IN THE WORLD.

"EVEN IF SOME-ONE...
"HAD TO DIE."

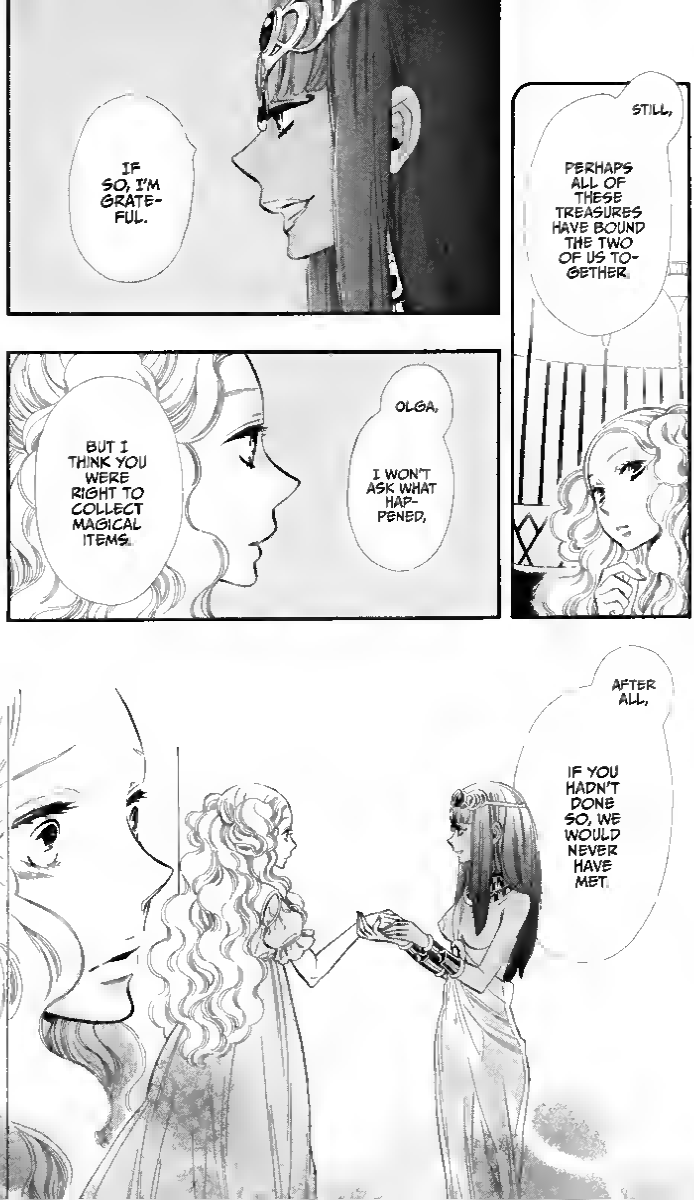
OLGA,
...
YOU SHOULD GO BACK SOON
SOME-ONE MUST BE WOR-RIED ABOUT YOU
...
MAGI-CAL TREAS-URES...
HUH?

ROLL
TAP
TAP
TAP
COME TO THINK OF IT...
IT'S ALWAYS NIGHT WHEN I COME HERE...

OLGA!
LOOK!
I HAVE SOME-THING TO SHOW YOU
PLOP

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S MAGIC.
THAT...
ME...
TOO?
HOW...
DO YOU HAVE THAT TOO?

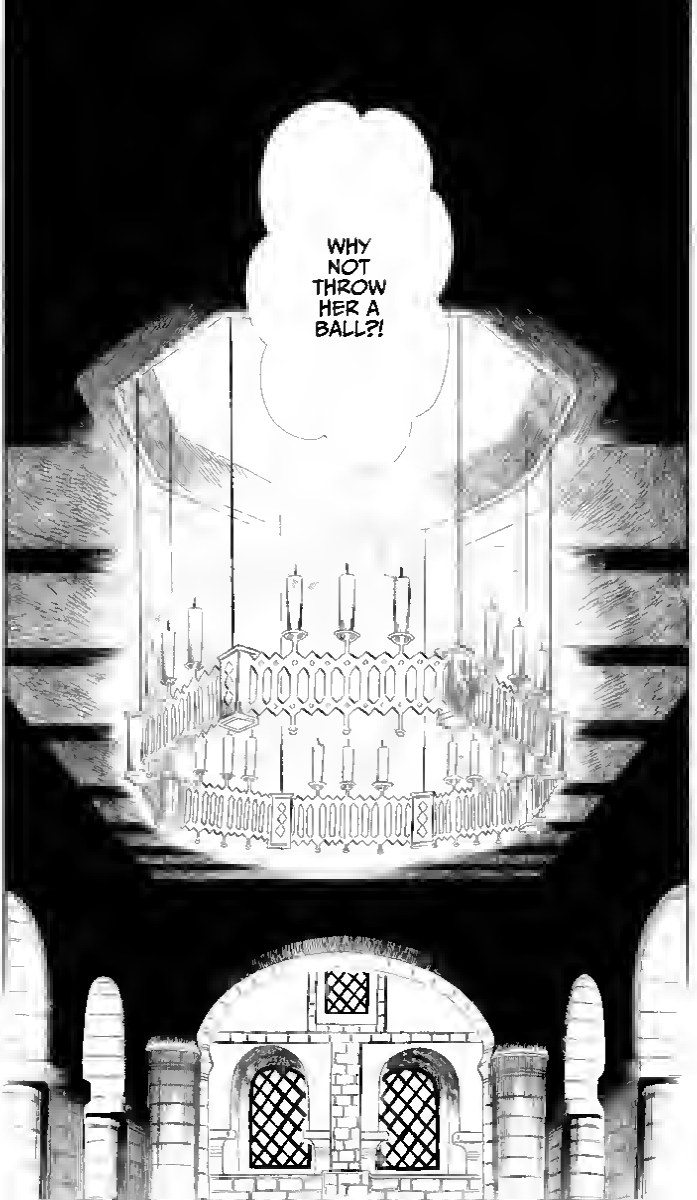
シャキ
THIS...
AND THIS AND THIS
I HAVE THEM ALL TOO
WHAT AN AMAZING COINCI-DENCE
AND ABED,
THAT CIRCLET OF YOURS...
IS ANOTHER MAGICAL ITEM IN MY WORLD
...
BUT THIS HAS NO POWER AT ALL.
IT'S...


IF SO, I'M GRATE-FUL.
STILL, PERHAPS ALL OF THESE TREASURES HAVE BOUND THE TWO OF US TO-GETHER.
OLGA, I WON'T ASK WHAT HAP-PENED,
BUT I THINK YOU WERE RIGHT TO COLLECT MAGICAL ITEMS.
AFTER ALL, IF YOU HADN'T DONE SO, WE WOULD NEVER HAVE MET.

ABED...
I SHOULD REALLY BE GOING.

GIOTTO!
HELLO!
YOU THERE!
DID YOU NEED SOME-THING,
YOUR MAJ-ESTY?
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO COLD.

I AM MERELY DOING MY JOB
AND THAT IS WHY I STOPPED YOU
I HEAR OLGA HAS BEEN KEEPING HERSELF COOPED UP IN HER ROOM LATELY
I HAVE AN IDEA!
PAM
AND SO...


WHY NOT THROW HER A BALL?!

Rondo of Angel and Dragon
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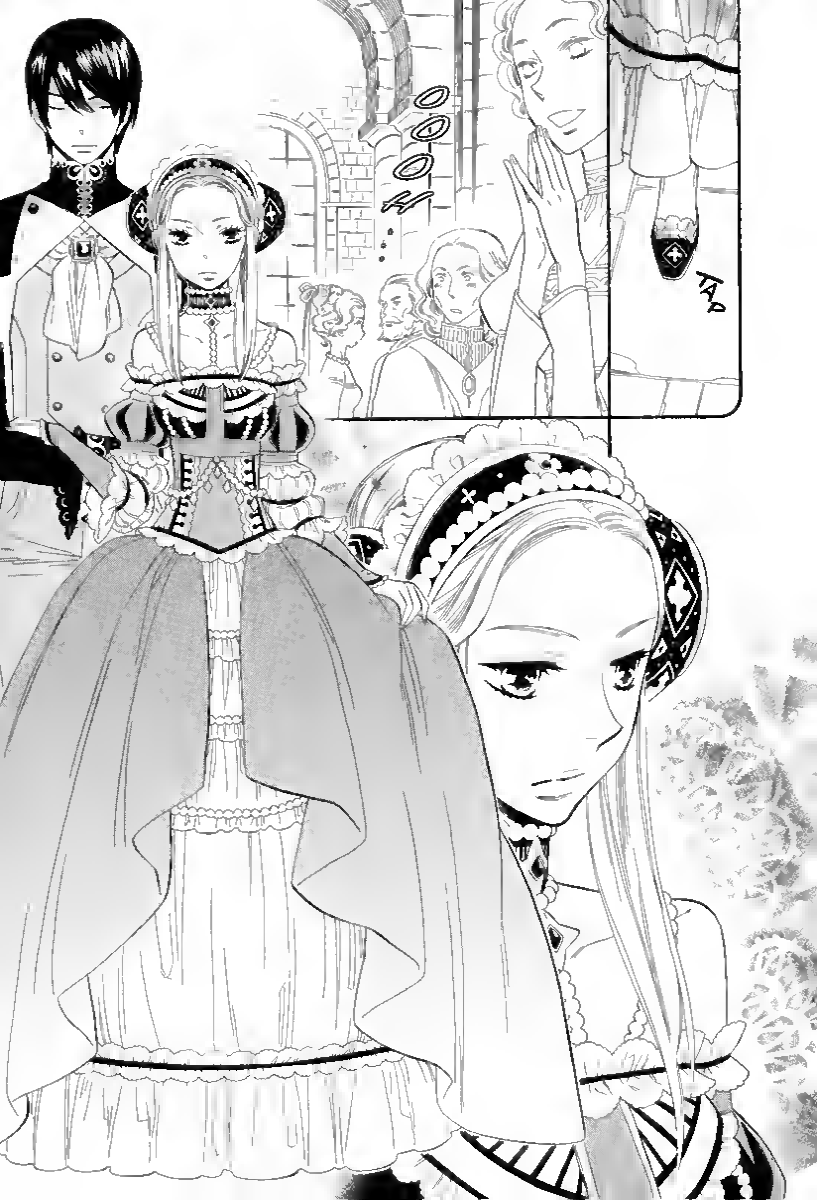
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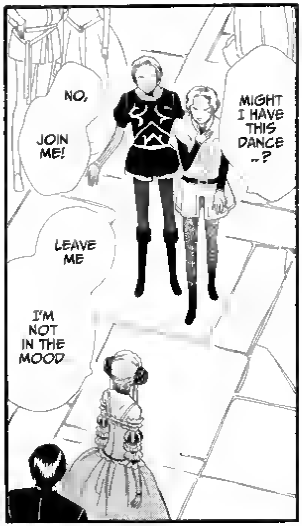
Tap


NO, JOIN ME!
MIGHT I HAVE THIS DANCE ..?
LEAVE ME
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD

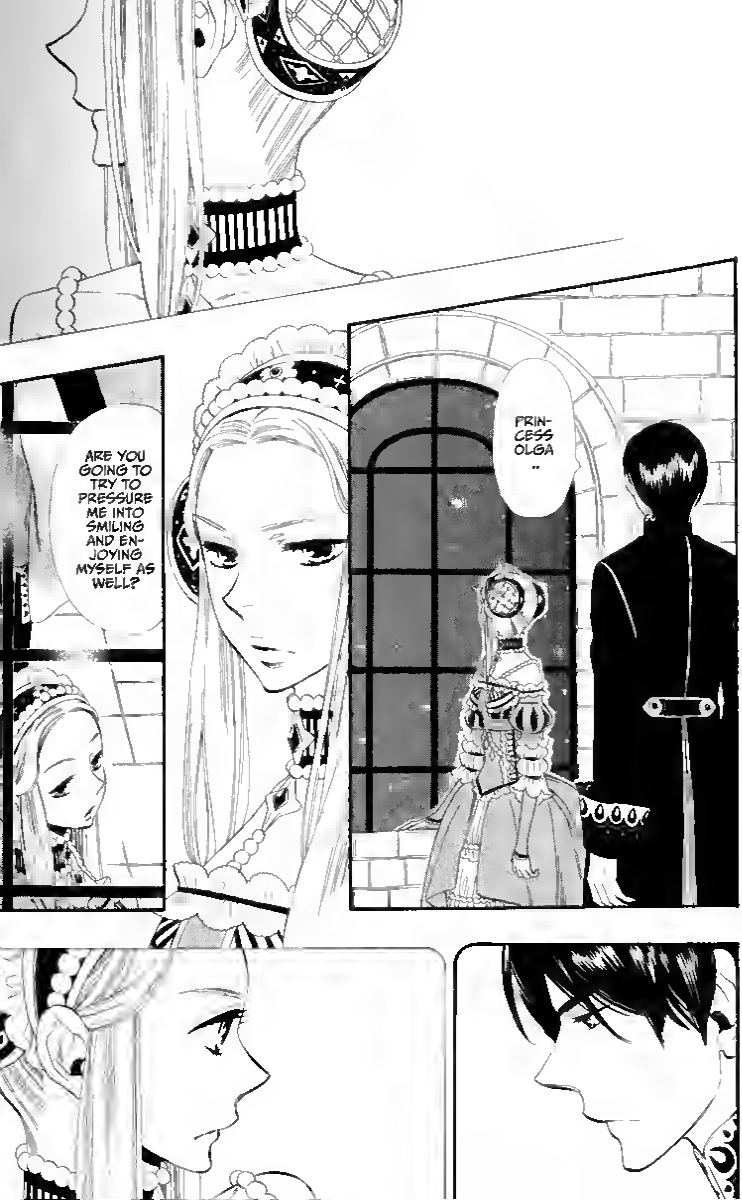
PRIN~ CESS!
YOUR HIGH~ NESS!

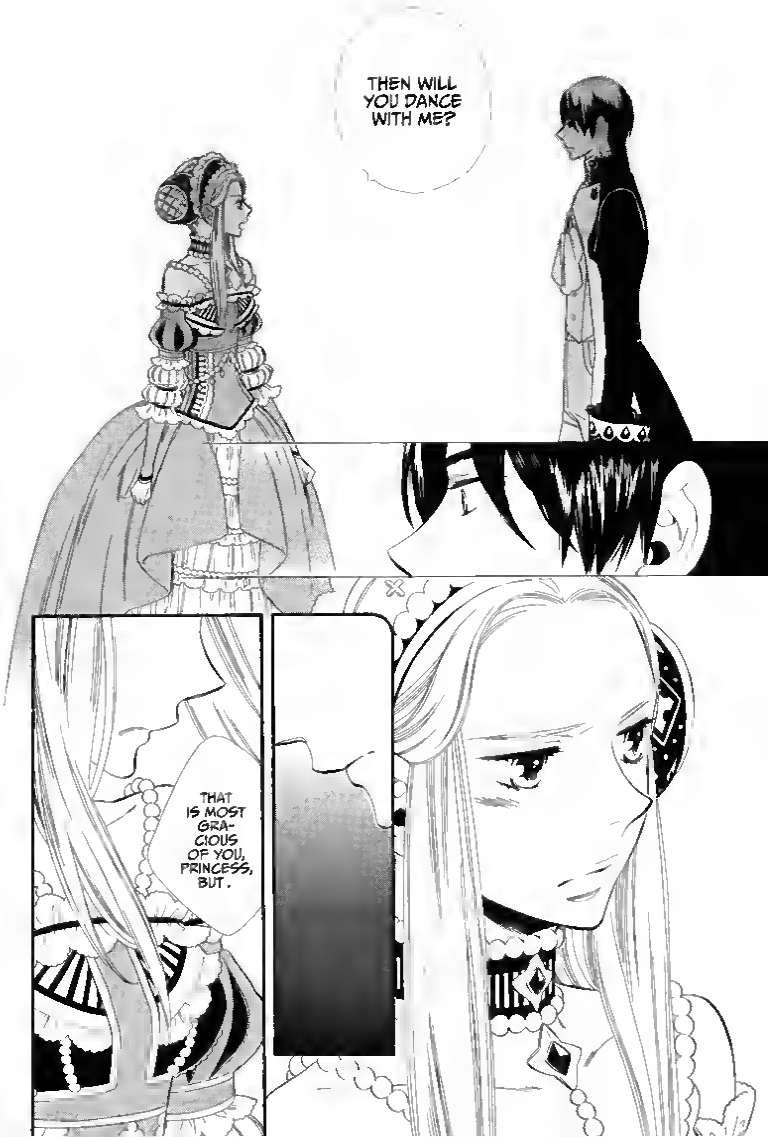
ELINE

IF YOU CONTINUE TO PES~ TER ME, I WILL HAVE MY GUARD DEAL WITH YOU.

B~ BUT I HEARD THAT THIS BALL WAS BEING HELD FOR YOU.
EXACT~ LY! WE MUSTN'T LET YOU BE BORED ...

QUIET!
CLANG


ARE YOU GOING TO TRY TO PRESSURE ME INTO SMILING AND ENJOYING MYSELF AS WELL?
PRINCESS OLGA..


THEN WILL YOU DANCE WITH ME?
THAT IS MOST GRA- CIOUS OF YOU, PRINCESS, BUT.

I..
ENOUGH!
I WISH TO BE ALONE
LEAVE ME BE.
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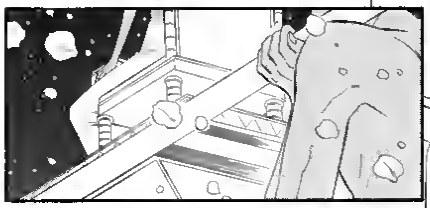

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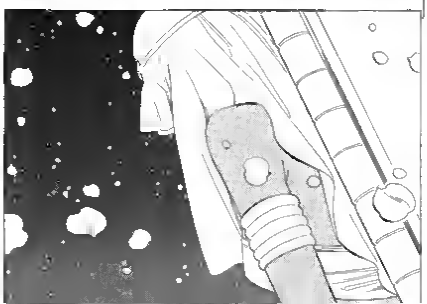

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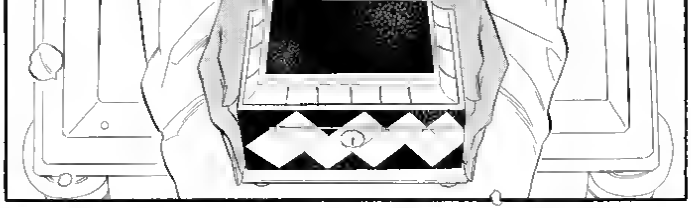


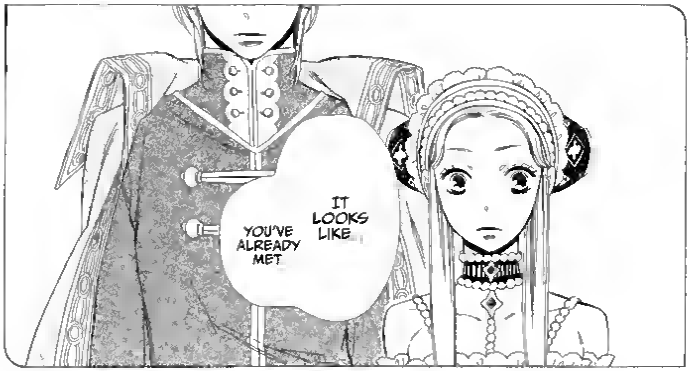
IT'S THE PRIN-CESS
OH, THE PRIN-CESS
TAP
TAP
TAP
SHOULDN'T YOU BE A THE BALL, YOUR HIGHNESS?
LEAVE ME ALONE
THERE WAS A WAVY-HAIRED WOMAN AMONG YOU, WAS THERE NOT?
WITH MYSTE-RIOUS EYES ?
?
DID YOU NEED SOME-THING?

WHOOPS.
YEP.
ALL THE HIGH EL
NO, THIS IS ALL OF US
RIGHT?
BUT...
JUST NOW...
THUD
AH ...!

EXCUSE ME,
YOUR HIGH-NESS.

?
YOU AREN'T INJURED, ARE YOU?
OH...
NO.
THAT IS...
NO,
I'M FINE...
GOOD.

OLGA!
AH..
I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.
YOUR MAJ-ESTY.
YOU STILL WON'T CALL ME MOTHER ?
AND I EVEN THREW THIS BALL JUST FOR YOU.
THERE'S SOMEONE I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO .
OH


IT LOOKS LIKE...
YOU'VE ALREADY MET.

PER-HAPS YOU MIGHT SHOW ME THE GAR-DENS?
O-
OF COURSE
WAIT, YOU TWO...
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
HE'S FROM A DISTIN-GUISHED NOBLE FAMILY IN MY HOME-LAND..
THIS IS LORD NICANOR.

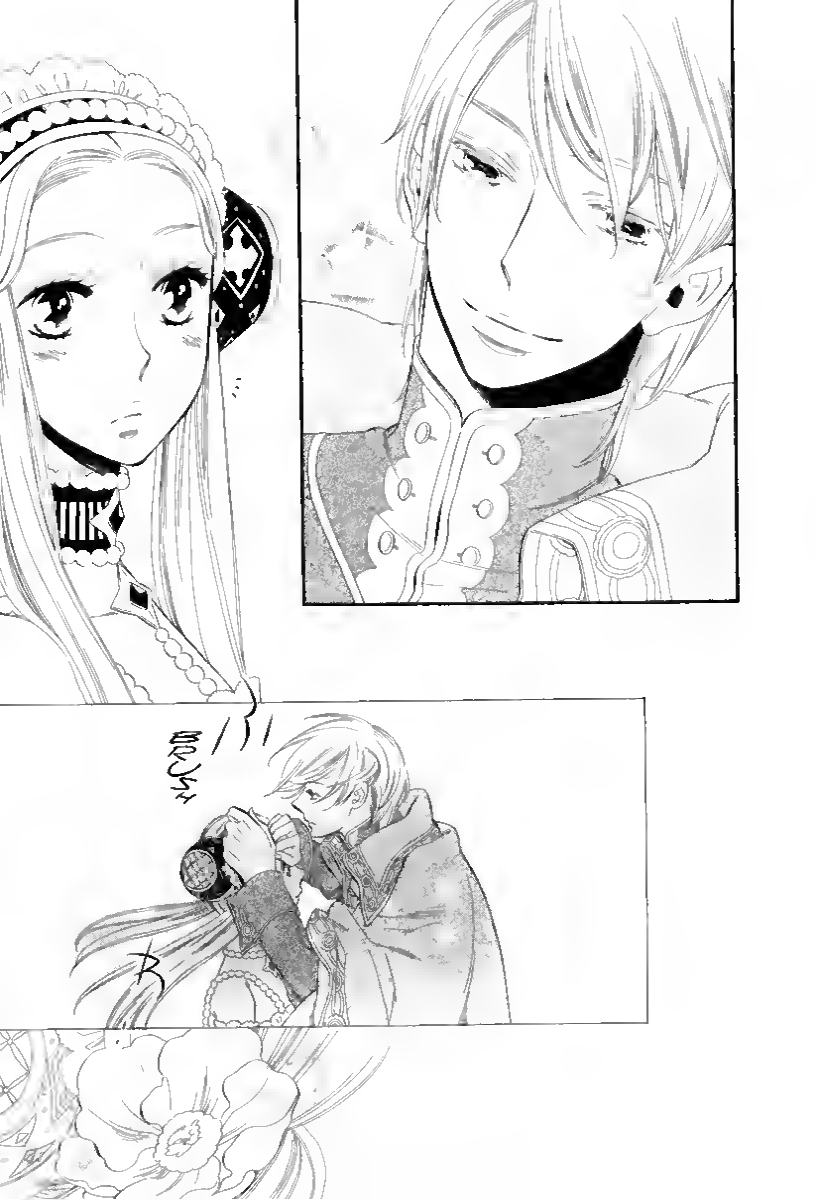
I'M NOT DONE YET!

HAR-GO
HEY, WE DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FORMAL WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US, DO WE?
THE PALACE GUARD MUST NOT HAVE MUCH TO DO IF ITS COM-MANDER IS LAZING ABOUT LIKE THIS,
THAT'S QUITE THE EXPRES-SION.
WHERE'S YOUR USUAL ENTOU-RAGE?
I LEFT KLEIO BEHIND.
HE'S GOING TO BE FURIOUS WITH ME.

NO POISONED SWEETS NOR ANY STRANGE PEOPLE ..
THOUGH I WONDER ABOUT THAT NEW GUY.
WELL?
HMM.
THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY STRANGE OCCURRENCES INVOLVING HER MAJESTY LATELY.
HER MAJESTY THREW A BALL BECAUSE SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT PRINCESS OLGA.
SHE MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING.
THEN I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GO INVESTIGATE HIM.
PLEASE DO.
STILL ...
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

IF THERE'S NOTHING SHADY ABOUT HIM AND HE AND THE PRINCESS TAKE TO EACH OTHER,
WHAT WILL YOU DO, GIOTTO?
I SUPPOSE...
THAT WAS A BIT MUCH, WASN'T IT?

OH?
BACK THERE WITH THE QUEEN.
I SEE.
OH,
HA HA
HAHA
I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T PUT IT LIKE THAT.
TO BE HONEST,
I'VE NEVER BEEN VERY GOOD WITH HER.
YOU'RE ODD.
I AM?
STILL,
I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU, SO I SUPPOSE I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.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OH, MY APOL-OGIES
I JUST REMEM-BERED SOME-THING
DO YOU LOOK SO LONELY?
WHY...
SOMEONE USED TO..
PUT FLOWERS IN MY HAIR LIKE THAT.

I'M SORRY FOR BECOMING LIKE THIS.
DON'T BE
IT'S STRANGE, THOUGH.
I FEEL LIKE WE'VE MET BEFORE.

ME TOO...
NOTH-ING.
AS LONG AS SHE'S HAPPY, THAT'S ALL I CARE ABOUT.

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I SHOULD REALLY BE GOING
ONE LAST THING, OLGA.
OH.
IF I COULD GIVE YOU MAGIC THAT WOULD GRANT YOU POWER OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?
THE WORLD ?
...

JEWELRY BOX.
THIS...
SO IT DOESN'T OPEN IN YOUR WORLD EITHER?
THIS IS... THE BOX THAT DOESN'T OPEN...
THEY SAY THAT "MAGIC THAT WOULD GRANT YOU POWER OVER THE ENTIRE WORLD" SLEEPS IN THIS BOX.
DID YOU KNOW?
IF YOU COULD OPEN THIS BOX, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
IF THAT WERE TRUE...

WHAT WOULD YOU DO,
OLGA?
YOU...
LOOK LIKE YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD DO.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I...

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT TIME.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING, ABED.
YES, UNTIL NEXT TIME.

UNTIL NEXT...
TIME
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
PRINCESS ABED!
I'M HERE!

IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR YOUR CEREMONY,
YOUR HIGH-NESS.

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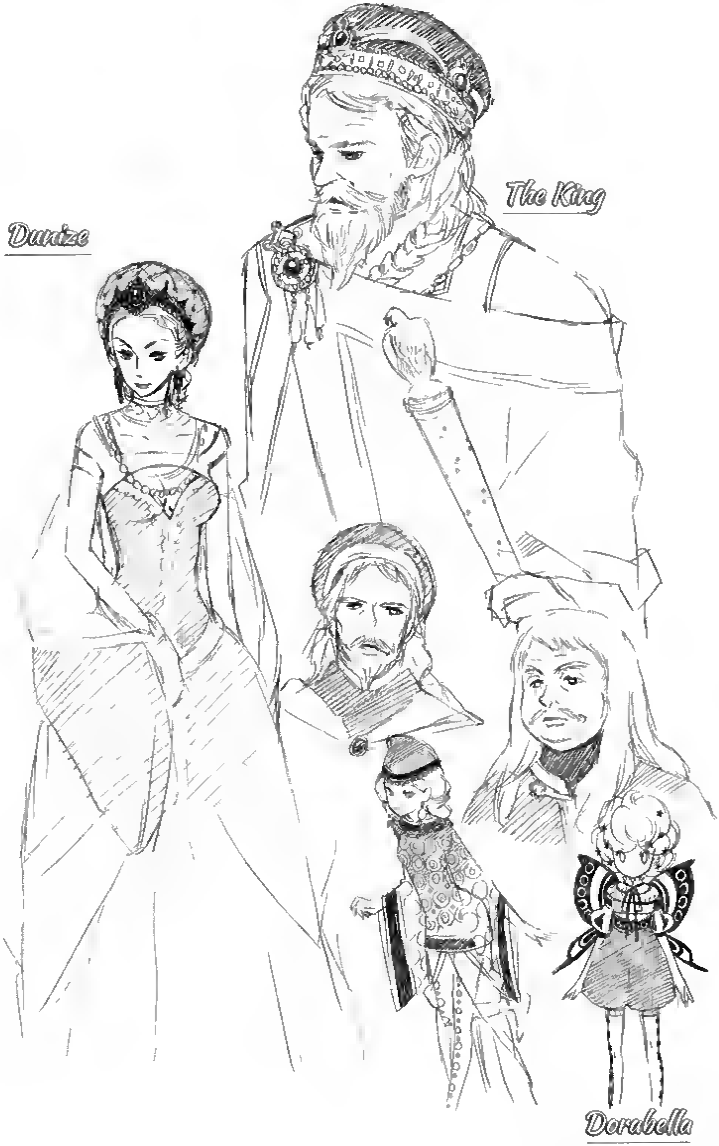
Character Design

Olga

Giotto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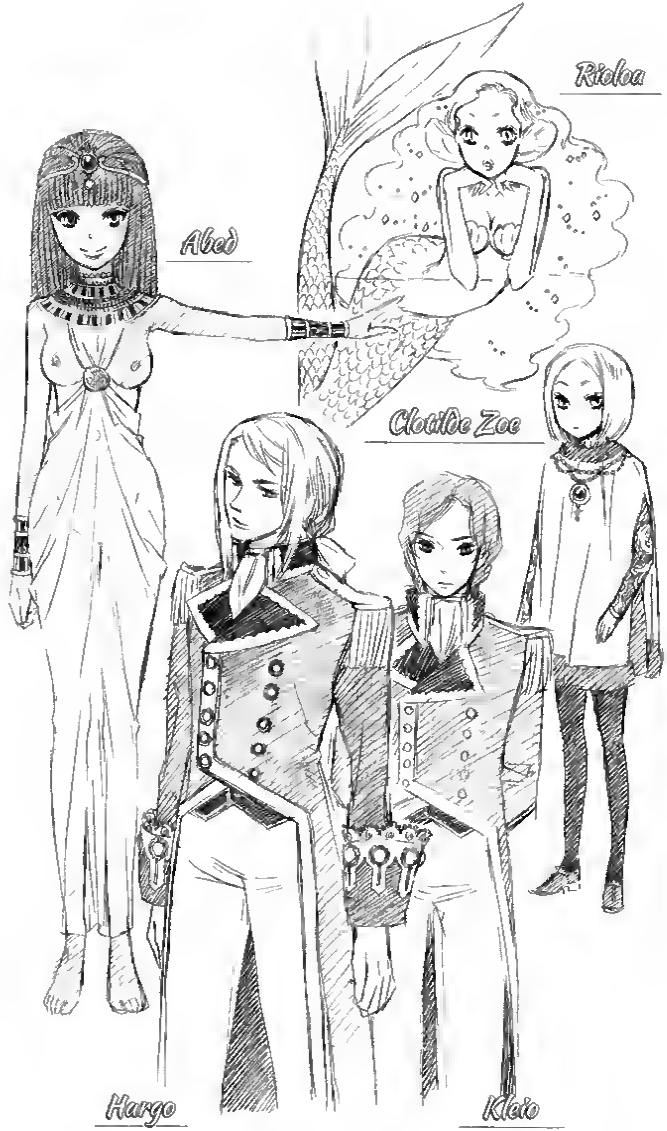
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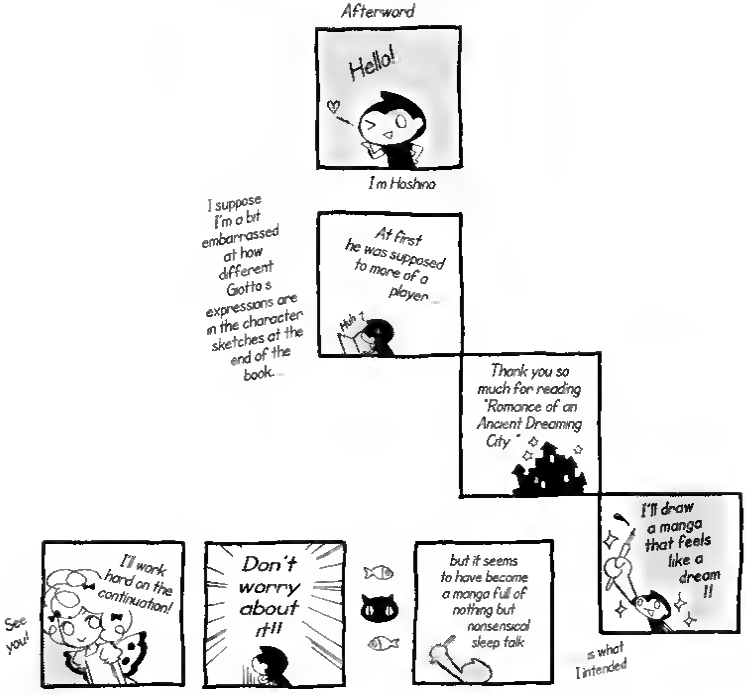
Afterword
Hello!
I'm Hashino
I suppose I'm a bit embarrassed at how different Giotta's expressions are in the character sketches at the end of the book...
At first he was supposed to more of a player...
Heh...
Thank you so much for reading "Romance of an Ancient Dreaming City"
I'll draw a manga that feels like a dream !!
is what I intended
but it seems to have become a manga full of nothing but nonsensical sleep talk
Don't worry about it!!
I'll work hard on the continuation!
See you!

STOP

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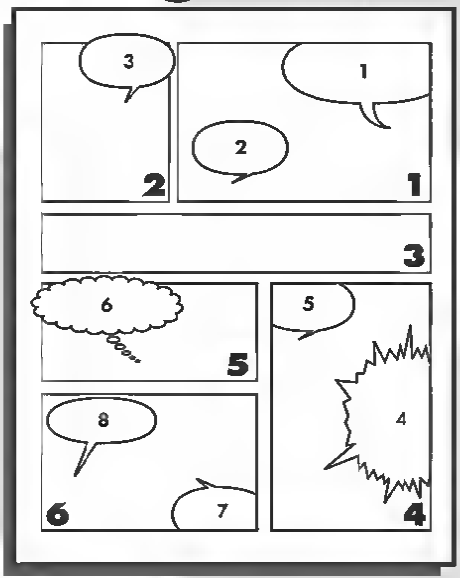

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